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SUBJECT: (C) NORWAY PLEDGING PLANS FOR KOSOVO DONORS' CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 69691

Classified By: Political Counselor Kristen Bauer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Poloff met with West Balkans MFA section head Nils Kamsvaag, who confirmed that Norway would pledge approximately \$26 million dollars for this year in aid to Kosovo at the July 11 donor's conference. The MFA has requested approximately \$80 million over the next three years, but this has not yet been approved at the political level. Provisionally, Norway intends to contribute approximately \$2.4 million to the World Bank multi-donor trust fund, although Kamsvaag said that to his knowledge, this was not the same as the "debt relief" trust fund.

2. (C) Norway will be represented at the conference by Tobias Svenningsen, who is Mr. Kamsvaag's deputy and will be the acting head of section. Kamsvaag was surprised that Henrietta Fore would head the US delegation, as he said that the invitation to the conference contemplated a lower level of representation. Kamsvaag equivocated about whether State Secretary Elisabeth Walaas would attend as well.

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